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CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST

Project Review Committee

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

Stephen P. Clark Center

111 N.W. First Street

10th Floor Conference Room

1:30 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Miles Moss, P.E., Interim Chairman

Hon. James Reeder

Henry Lee Givens

Harold Braynon, Jr.

ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY:

Bruce Libhaber

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT

John Prats, OCITT

George Navarrete, MDT

Theejunia Adams, OCITT

Patrice Rosemond, OCITT

Ed Colby, WGI

Jennifer Wilkins, MDT

Kate Owen, UM Student

Peter Maki, UM Student Body President

Sarah Arecona, UM

Albert Hernandez, MDT

Betty Alexander, DBD

Maria Cerna, MDT

Nelson Hincapie, District 7

David Tinder, PWD

Joanna Santiago, OCITT

Lt. Paul Miyares, CGPD

Delroy Tomlinson, MDT

Javier Gonzalez, FDOT

Christina Hajj, UM Student

Lourdes Gavarrette, UM

Armando Gutierrez, Jr., UM

Marlene Amaro, OCITT

Joseph Platnick, Comm. Awareness

Ralph Cutie, MDT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, Mr. Miles Moss, Interim Chairman of the Project Review Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Reeder requested that "New Business" be taken out of order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

NEW BUSINESS – Safety at the University of Miami at Mariposa Court, Coral Gables, Florida in Reference to the recent death of Ashley Kelley

Mr. Moss stated that he would like to discuss pedestrian safety along South Dixie Highway, specifically between 27th Avenue, south to Cutler Ridge/Florida City. This safety issue arose after a recent pedestrian accident involving University of Miami students. Mr. Moss provided a

brief history concerning the responsibilities of the CITT expenditures as it relates to surtax proceeds. Mr. Moss went on to say that South Dixie Highway is under the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) which is currently in the process of conducting a study to determine if safety improvements are needed. Upon completion of the study, if FDOT determines safety improvements are necessary, but do not have the funds available, surtax funds could be used. Mr. Moss asked Lt. Paul Miyares of the Coral Gables Police Department to report on the accident involving Ashley Kelley; a University of Miami student.

Lt. Miyares stated that on the night of April 10, 2005 at approximately 8:34 p.m., the Coral Gables Police Department received a call regarding a severe accident with injuries at Mariposa Court and US1 involving two pedestrians. Units, currently in the area, arrived in less than ten seconds. Lt. Miyares stated that upon his arrival, he found Ms. Kelley alongside the roadway with severe injuries. He went on to say that at this point in the investigation, the department is interviewing witnesses; such as individuals who drove vehicles on the outbound lane going southbound on US1, including the driver who ran the red light and impacted the pedestrians. At the time of impact, the pedestrians did have the right-of-way and the vehicle was traveling around thirty to forty miles per hour, which was below the posted 45 mph. The driver of the vehicle has been charged with running the red light. Lt. Miyares explained that the elements of vehicular homicide were not met since the driver did not have criminal intent and was not impaired. Additionally, the driver has a valid driver license, and was not using excessive speed, nor was she driving in a reckless manner. Lt. Miyares further stated that this case has to proceed to court because of the fatality and based upon his experience, the driver will receive a one year suspension on her driver license and a \$500/\$1000 fine. Lt. Miyares stated that although this may not seem a harsh enough punishment for running a red light and causing a tragic death, it is the department's only current recourse.

Lt. Miyares reported that since 2000, there have been six pedestrian accidents at that location. In the surrounding area of Linard Boulevard to Red Road, which borders the University of Miami, there have also been four fatalities since 1990.

Mr. David Tinder, PTP Coordinator, PWD, interjected that in 2003 the walking signal with pedestrian hands were replaced with a new count down signal. The new signal provides approximately twenty-six seconds for pedestrians to cross the intersection. Mr. Tinder stated that the PWD felt that 26 seconds was adequate time to safely cross the intersection.

Mr. Moss reiterated that the issue at hand is whether the FDOT will determine if a pedestrian overpass is feasible. He also requested the completion date for the study. Mr. Javier Gonzalez, FDOT, stated that on Friday, April 22, 2005, their committee is meeting at the University of Miami to take a look at both the intersection and the local area for both short-term and long-term solutions.

Students from the University of Miami were present to express concerns about their fellow classmates. Mr. Givens urged the Members to pass a resolution supporting FDOT's committee meeting on Friday, April 22, 2005, encouraging a speedy decision and exploring short- and long-term options that will create a safer environment for students and residents in that area.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the February 16, 2005, minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

Mr. Givens stated that one of the major problems with the intersection is jaywalking. Mr. Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney stated that jaywalking is crossing the street at an undesignated location or at an unauthorized corner. Jaywalking is a common layman term and there is no provision that constitutes jaywalking.

Mr. Libhaber stated that according to the Ordinance, a pedestrian shall obey the instructions of any official traffic control device, unless otherwise directed by a police officer. Secondly, no pedestrian shall leave a curb or other place of safety and walk/run into the path of a vehicle, and finally, between adjacent intersections at which traffic control signals are not in operation, a pedestrian shall not cross except in a marked crosswalk. A police officer is within the statute for issuing a citation for the violation of this ordinance.

Mr. Harold Braynon suggested the development of an educational program that would address the safety concerns. Mr. Moss responded that there was a federally funded program; however, the county does not have the funds available to conduct the program.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mr. Joe Platnick, stated that he would like to see more bus pullout lanes. Mr. Tinder replied that PWD's projects include bus pullout lanes. Mr. George Navarrete, MDT Assistant Director, added that MDT has designs in thirty-three locations for bus pullout bays.

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FOLLOW-UP REPORT

No Discussion.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Small Purchase Orders for February 2005 - for action at the full CITT meeting on April 27, 2005.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE UP TO \$100 MILLION IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE EARLINGTON HEIGHTS/MIAMI INTERMODAL CENTER (MIC) CONNECTOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND COMMIT UP TO \$217,558,358 MILLION IN CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6A; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, EXECUTING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF QUADE AND DOUGLAS, INC., TO PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP), CONTRACT NO. TR04-PTP1, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44 MILLION; AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CANCELLATION AND RENEWAL PROVISIONS CONTAINED THEREIN

Mr. Libhaber reported that the item was modified at the Board of County Commissioner's (BCC) meeting on April 5, 2005. Mr. Libhaber explained that the ceiling remains at \$44 million; however, the BCC requested that at \$25 million dollars, it must be brought back and subsequently would return to the Project Review Committee for the reauthorization of the remaining portion. He stated the change was made at the Regional Transportation Committee (RTC) meeting.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6B; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND WASHINGTON GROUP INTERNATIONAL, F/K/A WASHINGTON INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,961,312.63 AND EXERCISING THE CONTRACT OPTION FOR PROVISION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DURING PHASE 2 OF THE METRORAIL/METROMOVER MID-LIFE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6C; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- D. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE \$1,072,000 IN STATE FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF BUS BAYS AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND FUNDS AND TO COMMIT UP TO \$1,072,000 IN COUNTY CHARTER TRANSIT SYSTEM SURTAX FUNDS AS A LOCAL MATCH AS SPECIFIED IN THE JPA

Mr. Libhaber reported that at the RTC meeting in April, the item was amended to include four additional locations. Mr. Libhaber further stated that the amendment was pending approval by the FDOT. This amendment will be addressed at the BCC.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6D; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- E. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF COMPETITIVELY BID CONTRACTS OF OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES (ITEM 4.1), AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE FUTURE OPTIONS TO RENEW (ITEM 6.5) AND AWARD OF COMPETITIVE BID WAIVERS (ITEMS 4.1, 4.2, AND 4.7) FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES PROCESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT (DPM) ON BEHALF OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSIT (MDT)

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6E; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- F. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN FENCE MASTERS INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) GUARDRAIL PROJECT NUMBER 20030011

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6F; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- G. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040506

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6G; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- H. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040507

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6H; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- I. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS

DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN
(PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040508.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6I; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

- J. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION, AWARDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN H & R PAVING, INC., AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (PWD) FOR THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN (PTP) RESURFACING PROJECT NUMBER 20040509

Mr. Reeder moved to approve action Item 6J; seconded by Mr. Moss and it carried without dissent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Project Review Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2005, at 1:30 p.m., 10th Floor CITT Conference Room

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.